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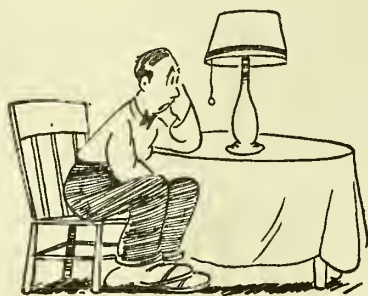
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J. C. Penney,
New York, N. Y.

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Frank P. Whitney

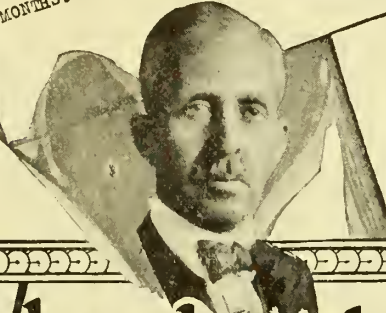
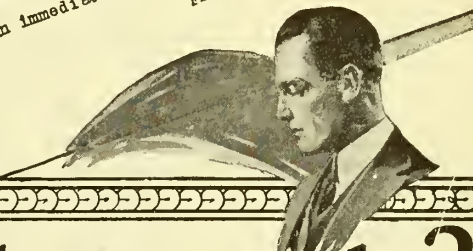
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What does the man at the top reply?

SCATTERED thru the United States are the stores of the J. C. Penney Company—312 of them in 26 states. J. C. Penney, the man at the top, started business with a capital of \$500 and set up his first store in Kemmerer, a small Wyoming town. Today, at forty-five years of age, he directs the whole great chain of stores from his office in New York.

So much for the author of one of the telegrams.

The manager of the Penney store in Dickinson, North Dakota, is Frank P. Whitney. He is young, but old enough to have seen men climb rapidly in business by increasing their knowledge of business. He had been investigating the Alexander Hamilton Institute Course and was just about to enrol when he received word that the Penney Company was preparing a course of business study for its own employees.

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only one way to answer that question and that was by going straight to headquarters.

"No Course can take its place"

To J. C. Penney, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, therefore, Mr. Whitney sent this telegram:

"Am considering Modern Business Course of Alexander Hamilton Institute. Will taking it interfere with Course being prepared by the Penney Company or will Penney course answer in its stead? An immediate reply will be appreciated."

That same afternoon Mr. Penney's answer came back:

"Don't think any course would take place of Alexander Hamilton Institute Course. Ours will be adapted particularly to our own system; will not be ready for four months . . . Would not hesitate saying go ahead with Alexander Hamilton Course."

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Meeting the Problem of the Jobless

What Is the Unemployment Situation Among Ex-Service Men? How Has the Legion Met It? What Is the Spring Outlook?

Based on replies received from representative department headquarters, the accompanying article portrays the condition of the jobless veteran throughout the nation on the eve of American Legion Employment Day

IN the course of any serious disease there is a period known as the crisis. It is not a matter of minutes or even of hours; it may last several days. There is no one instant during the height of the illness in which the physician may say of his patient: "If he lives through the next ten seconds he will get well."

So, for however long it may be, the patient hovers in the balance. But he does hover. To hover is to move, and if he moves it must be toward death or toward life. And while the crisis still persists, while the patient's condition is still called critical in the announcements that reach his friends, or in the bulletins that go out to the newspapers if he is famous enough, he may still be moving steadily toward improvement, edging inch by inch toward ultimate recovery. From a desperate chance to a fighting chance to a good chance—that is his progress through the crisis to the calm of convalescence, when, barring half a dozen contingencies which he does not dream of but for which his doctor is ever watchful, he becomes a sure thing.

The ex-service man stricken by the epidemic of unemployment is still in the crisis of his malady. He is still a mighty sick buddy, but his insurance is not quite collectible yet. He has all kinds of temperature and no kind of money with which to buy a bed or a meal or a dictionary, but if he had one he could not find the word die in it if he tried. For one thing, he has a good doctor, handicapped though that doctor is by circumstances wholly beyond his own control. Despite these handicaps the doctor is making remarkable headway with his patient. He is going to effect a cure or turn his diploma to the wall. He is that kind of a doctor. His name is Legion.

On the eve of American Legion Employment Day, to be observed by departments and posts throughout the country next Monday, the status of the veteran unemployment problem is this:

The general outlook, making due allowance for the seasonal good cheer born of the approach of spring, is no better than fair. That is the country-wide average. The prospect ranges from reasonable pessimism in some industrial States, particularly those now torn by labor disputes, to equally reasonable optimism in the broad stretches of farmland of the Middle West. But unemployment is essentially a problem

the-wool pessimist can paint the situation no blacker than this: With the exception of a few localities which are confronted by abnormal conditions, the situation of the unemployed ex-service man is nowhere worse than it was four months ago. Nowhere is ground being lost. In the great majority of States definite progress is being made, ground is being gained steadily, and the impetus behind the attack is everywhere increasing. The Legion is providing the impetus and doing the ground-gaining.

These conditions are based on reports gathered by this magazine from representative department headquarters in two-thirds of the States, including all the States where the unemployment situation has been a principal Legion problem. These reports cover every section of the country. Tabulations and comparisons of the data submitted by Legion officials prove several other conclusions as interesting as and only less fundamentally significant than those just presented. Among these are:

The ratio of permanent to temporary jobs obtained for veterans by the Legion is steadily increasing.

The peak in the veteran unemployment crisis was generally reached between October and December of last year.

The assumption that the South has been little touched by the blight of unemployment is wholly unfounded.

The drifter and the penniless adventure-seeker are a decided minority among unemployed veterans; married men and men with dependents predominate everywhere.

It is possible (because it is true) to prove to employers that the ex-service man is a sound investment.

Public works, particularly road and building construction and improvement,

The forces of General Unemployment are to be attacked along his whole front. Next Monday, March 20th, will be American Legion Employment Day. Posts throughout the country have been asked by the National Commander to conduct meetings at which employers, municipal officials and representatives of local welfare and civic societies and of the Legion will discuss ways and means of relieving the unemployment crisis among ex-service men in their communities. Committees consisting of Legion men and other citizens are now engaged in surveys of their communities to determine the exact unemployment status, so that accurate reports of local situations may be made to the meetings. The committees will continue in existence and see that the plans formulated are carried out.

of the centers of industry, large and small, and there the outlook is for the most part neither bad enough to be discouraging nor good enough to be encouraging.

This is true of the problem as it affects both the veteran and the non-veteran. But at this point the paths divide sharply. For the most dyed-in-

provide the most effective methods of caring for large numbers of unemployed.

An industrial map of the United States, with the manufacturing areas shaded, shows the heaviest concentration of black ink in the northeast—New England, southern New York and the eastern portions of the Middle Atlantic States. Here the situation is typically mixed. In New England alone, for instance, Maine and Massachusetts find the outlook cheerful, thanks in the latter State, which of course has been faced by much the vaster problem, to intensive Legion organization and heavy-artillery campaigning. Massachusetts has reduced her ex-service unemployed about 50 percent; Maine, where the problem has been confined chiefly to the cities of Portland and Lewiston, by 30 to 40 percent.

But in Vermont, where on the basis of absolute numbers the situation has never been serious, no prospect of improvement is seen. And in New Hampshire and Rhode Island, where the chief manufacturing business in the congested centers is the textile industry,



Unemployment made the Chicago Legion roll up its sleeves—and things began to hum

the spring outlook is distinctly black owing to strikes that developed late in the winter. The number of textile workers affected in these two States is approximately 50,000, many of whom are ex-service men. The situation in New Hampshire is the more disheartening because before the strike the Legion in Manchester, the metropolis of the State, had to close its employment office because it was hard to find men

for the positions available. The most imposing statistics of the veteran unemployment situation are naturally provided by New York. It is possible here to give a reasonably accurate figure, because last month New York department headquarters submitted a questionnaire to every post in the department in an effort to learn the exact situation. From the answers to these questionnaires the department estimates the number of veterans out of work in the State at 125,000 of whom the great majority are in New York City. The fight for the unemployed is necessarily being waged in New York on a more intensive scale proportionately than in any other center, and in the face of heavy odds. A similar situation exists in Pennsylvania, where by great effort the Legion has held its ground against conditions, reporting the situation about the same as it was four months ago. New Jersey, too, sees little improvement in sight, and believes that a recent estimate of 10,000 unemployed in the State is probably an

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Organizing to Aid the Unemployed

By Albin S. Pearson

Commander, Ramsey County (Minn.) Central Committee

ANY outfit that can burn out at six o'clock on a Minnesota mid-winter morning and be on the job again at four o'clock the same afternoon is a going concern. (Accent on the going.)

That is what happened to the welfare department and clubrooms of the Ramsey County Central Committee, located in St. Paul, Minn. Following the catastrophe Oscar Krause, the secretary, moved his little old table into a vacant doorway nearby and there gave out the meal tickets to the hungry and jobs to the unemployed. In the meantime Victor Gies, the adjutant, scouted around and found new quarters, new furniture and the trimmings—and we moved in at four o'clock the same day.

Our present organization is now one year old, but we are on the job and as proud of our work as the average yearling is over a new pair of red-top boots.

From June until December, 1921, inclusive, we gave meals to 1,371 men. These meals were real honest-to-goodness feeds, which averaged around sixty cents each and were eaten in the same restaurants where we ourselves lunch. We gave articles of clothing to 1,082 men. Clothes are donated to us and mended and repaired by the women of the Auxiliary with machines and material we furnish. We have given lodgings to 256 and jobs to 3,227.

It is interesting to note how we got our employment bureau started. Through publicity we notified the people of a coming "job campaign" and then, together with our Auxiliary, made a house-to-house canvass for jobs. We listed everything from beating carpets to building houses. We told the prospective employer that we could furnish men to do anything, and we did. Few

complaints and much commendation resulted, and, best of all, when a man is needed now, we are promptly called up. The public is with us.

Also, we prepared and served a Thanksgiving and a Christmas dinner for 625. We had a lot of help from our women folks on this, as well as from various restaurateurs, and we surely feasted those guests of ours with everything from soup to nuts. Incidentally we sent 265 baskets of food to as many needy families.

In the same period we have entertained over 360 wounded buddies at the theaters about town. We have secured medical attention for 167, and free legal aid and advice for 86. We have advanced transportation to 402 and made various loans to many others.

Right here I want to say that the ex-service man is a good risk—99 out of every 100 pay us back any money we advance them, and many send us something extra to help some other buddy. We have never lost a cent.

Let me add in passing that St. Paul is a distributing center for returned soldiers' bodies throughout the Northwest. Over 2,000 bodies have passed through since we started, and we have paid our tribute to every one. We have handled as many as five funerals in one day—so many all told that we have lost count, but no buddy goes west without full military honors.

All this may sound like conceit, but it really is not. Sure, we are proud, but we feel it is only a just obligation, gladly fulfilled. Our service has been our success—and we strive to serve all ex-service men, whether or not they are Legionnaires. And it is not so dog-goned hard to do either. Every one of

our delegates is a worker. We have eleven posts in Ramsey County, which comprises the Fourth Congressional District of Minnesota. Two members are chosen by each post, and the executive committee of each post also has one vote in the central committee.

Our purpose, as defined by our Constitution, is "to consider all matters pertaining to The American Legion in Ramsey County, Minnesota, and to take any action necessary for the purposes of establishing, securing and preserving the rights and privileges of ex-service men and women, to transmit information relative thereto to the various posts for action, discussion or investigation, to raise and expend funds for the purpose of administering aid and assistance to indigent ex-service men and women, and to carry out the purposes herein set forth; to publish and otherwise disseminate throughout the county information with reference to The American Legion generally, and the betterment of the conditions of ex-service men and women, through the medium of the press and otherwise; and to do any and all things necessary to fully and effectually carry out the foregoing purposes."

But—it costs money. We have done everything but beg it and steal it, and believe me, we get it. Expenses for the last six months were over \$6,000, but we still have \$3,500 left. We realized \$8,700 from our poppy sale last Memorial Day, and laughed the public out of \$2,000 at Slippery Gulch, our Wild West show, in October. We even passed the hat for Jack Williams, the "human fly," and got away with \$300 more while the people watched him climb one

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Taking All the Joy Out of War

The Newest Inventions Make a Cyclone Cellar the Only Safe Place to Fight It

By Tyler H. Bliss

THERE may be—I don't know about that and neither do you for that matter—another war. But, according to the present dope, there'll never be a war after that one unless the field mice start a campaign against the prairie dogs for their place in the soil. Because everything on top of the earth or in the air will by that time be neatly filed away in the hereafter for future reference.

I can make this prediction with the same assurance that I doped out New York to win the last World Series, because I've been reading a mass of cheerful literature lately—literature that for hilarity and general good spirits has the annual report from the Morgue or a diary kept in the Black Hole of Calcutta looking like the week's best Burst and Dud.

It's about these latest war inventions. You might think they'd reached the limit along the line of schrecklichkeit (how that word does remind me of the glorious days when the Jerries and not the "soldier element" were the national bugaboo)—you might think they'd reached it when they thought up that patented A. E. F. corned willie tin that no man on earth could open without losing his temper, his chances of salvation and at least one finger.

Or when they started manufacturing squad leaders who at formation took delight in reporting:

"Sir, all present or accounted for except Private B-R-R-RUMP!" and brought out your name like the crack of doom so that every corps commander from San Francisco to Coblenz would hear it and say sternly: "Make a note of that man's name, adjutant."

You might have other ideas of the last thing in deadliness or heartless-

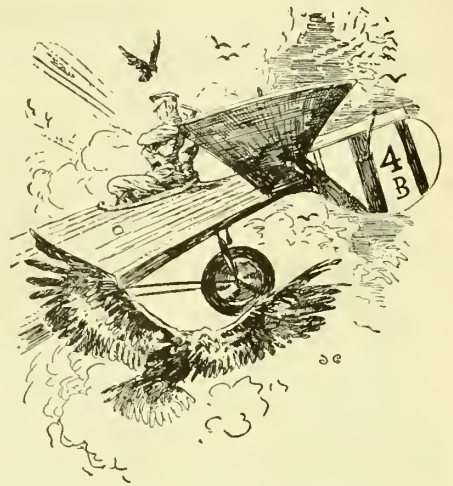
ness. You might conceive it to be reveille on Sunday, or a sergeant major doomed to wear woolen issue underwear in July, or having la belle Blondie at the Café de la Mairie in Pontlevoy refuse you, or having her accept you, or having extra guests quartered with you under your pup tent on a rainy night, or being called in to help figure out what the payroll was all about, or having your girl find a Smith and Wesson trade-mark on the "genuine German Luger" that you only secured after a hand-to-hand struggle—the kind of a struggle wherein twelve good dollars were passed from your hand into the hand of the hardware clerk in Paterson, N. J., before you got the darn thing.

But you'd be wrong. Such is not the case, as the revenooer told the boot-legger who tried to convince him that the crate in the bottom of the truck only held a dozen sarsaparillas.

Man, these inventive cusses are thinking up things nowadays that have everything from the first cootie bite to the last day in the Argonne looking like a spring strawberry festival and lemonade pour.

While hotel keepers in Washington were getting ready to welcome in the era of universal good feeling by boosting their prices to the Disarmament Conference delegates, and the New York police were triumphantly crushing the wave of crime by picking up a shop-lifter below the Macy-Gimbel line, and the Irish and English and Indians and Egyptians and a lot of others were thoughtfully massaging each others' heads with bricks and cross sections of the Pyramids, the *Army and Navy Journal*, commonly known as the "Buck's Benefactor," because it never brings him into the limelight, which is exactly what every buck private wants above all else—the *Journal*, as we said, came out with a story about the Larsen All-Metal Attack Plane.

Far be it from me to bring forth any harrowing statistics, but we have it on the authority of the *Journal* that Mr. Larsen's Dough-boy's Pacifier, armed with thirty automatic guns, can make a hundred and forty miles an hour and shoot 45,000 shots a minute all that time. That's



Two seats on the tail for "seasoned passengers"

more lead than there used to be in your shoes at the end of a thirty-kilo hike.

The *Journal* prints a picture of it. It shows how in six seconds Mr. Larsen's Undertaker's Recruiting Agent can dump 3,000 shots over an area of 5,280 square yards—something more than one shot for every two square yards.

Of course, not every soldier is two square yards thick, although I personally was once assured by my immediate official superior (a corporal, he was) that I was thicker than the base of Bunker Hill Monument. Anyway, it would appear that after Brother Larsen's Alas Poor Yorick had passed overhead the survivors could get up a poker game without it ever becoming necessary to shuffle the discards.

So much for Brother Larsen, the Melancholy Dane.

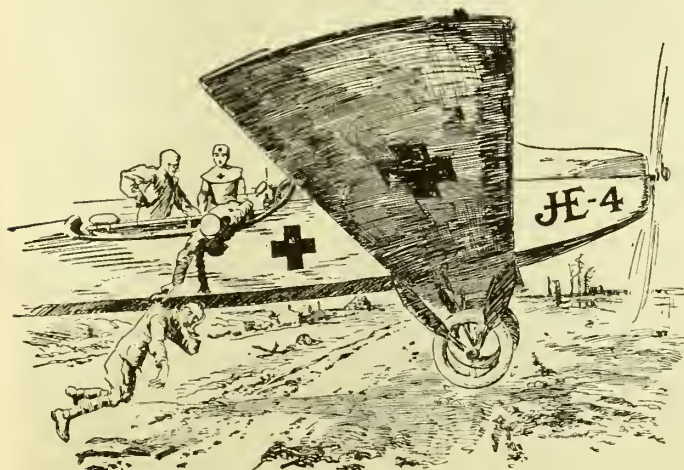
Seconding Brother Larsen's Sprightly Scheme for Salutary Suicide comes a fellow Scandinavian, Hjalmar C. Carlson, a sheet metal worker of Worcester, Mass. (Metal sheets were those things you crawled between that December night when you went A.W.O.L. to Nevers, and then wondered why anybody should go to Nevers, A.W.O.L. or otherwise.)

Not content with turning out never-rip bed linen, Mr. Carlson has invented a "booster casing" device which makes possible the manufacture of 30,000,000 H.E.'s, which would account for the entire Heinie army, navy and marine corps at one blow and allow for a few duds sticking in the ground.

At the Portsmouth Navy Yard they've built a couple of submarines that can go 10,000 miles without stopping for lunch. That's nice. Suppose one of these babies starts out from Hamburg and the skipper goes to sleep or something. He plows across the Atlantic, churns a neat little canal plumb through the United States from Hell Gate to the Golden Gate and has the geisha girls of Tokio climbing cherry trees before the motor skips once.

Methusaleh could have spent his life on one of those without stopping to refill. A Texas Congressman might even be able, between garages, to get out of his system all that he wanted to say. The things can run almost as long as a help wanted ad for a one-armed paper-hanger.

Next we have the flying hospital, a
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A cross between a hospital and a skylark will pick you out of midair

COMPENSATION ruin the Treasury?
 "No!" says this writer, who has held the
 position of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,
 Director of the Mint and Professor of Eco-
 nomics at Harvard

Yes, Compensation Can Be Paid

By A. Piatt Andrew

Member of Congress from Massachusetts

SEVERAL years ago, in a Harvard examination, the question was asked, "What is meant by the polarization of light?" And one of the students, with unwitting wisdom, replied, "The polarization of light, as I understand it, is very little understood." With equal truth a similar reply might be made concerning adjusted compensation by many of the financial writers who are opposing it.

One hears extraordinary statements about the probable expense involved, and estimates varying all the way from one to fifty or seventy-five billions of dollars. I have received many circular letters from brokerage houses, professing to explain the Adjusted Compensation Bill, and to estimate the burden which it will place upon the business of the country, but I have yet to read one such circular letter, or to read any financial letter in any important newspaper of the country, which gives anything but a grossly exaggerated statement of the probable cost involved. In a recent market letter of Jules Bache & Company it was stated that it would place upon the taxpayers of the country a burden of one billion dollars annually; in a financial article from the Philadelphia *Public Ledger* which was sent me the other day, it was stated that soldiers' compensation will require two billions of dollars initially; and in the last circular letter issued by the Irving National Bank of New York, one reads that it will divert some three billion, three hundred millions of dollars of tax funds. This seemed bad enough, but the Washington *Star* last week stated the total cost would not improbably range somewhere between fifty billion and seventy-five billion dollars.

What are the facts?

If the bill were adopted in the form in which it was introduced in the House by Mr. Fordney, and in the Senate by Mr. McCumber, it might, in case all veterans choose cash compensation, cost \$1,500,000,000 in the course of the next three years, and that would be all that it would ever cost. If, on the other hand, all veterans were to select as their option the alternative of paid-up insurance, it might cost a little over \$5,000,000,000 at the end of twenty years, when the insurance matures. Those are the maximum and minimum costs involved in the present bill, and the actual cost will depend upon the choice of the veterans as between the different alternatives.

According to the estimates made by Secretary Mellon, based on the supposition that half the veterans would take cash and half insurance, it would cost

about \$400,000,000 for each of the first two years, and very little thereafter until the expiration of the insurance. These are indeed formidable sums, but taking the maximum payments for the next three years, of \$1,500,000,000, on the assumption of every soldier choos-

\$40,000,000 voted to compensate mine owners for losses incurred merely in getting ready to produce minerals for chemical warfare, but without actually producing them. It is true of the many millions voted for the relief of Shipping Board contractors.

If, as has been suggested, we now incorporate new taxes in the act adjusting the compensation of the veterans, we shall discriminate in a manner quite without precedent against the claims of those who offered to their country, not property, but their youth and their lives—claims amounting to only a fraction of those already met for property. We shall help to turn what is intended to be, and what ought to be, an expression of gratitude, into a source of criticism and disparagement of those same veterans. This has, in fact, already resulted from the agitation of such proposals.

But can these claims for back pay for the veterans be adjusted without ruin and disaster to the business interests, and without overburdening the taxpayers of the country?

I am confident that the necessary revenue can be provided without further taxation and without further borrowing. If the results of the recent Conference for the Limitation of Armaments are anywhere near as substantial as we have been led to believe, the resultant economies in the appropriations for the Army and Navy will amount to at least \$200,000,000 yearly. These are economies that were not contemplated, and taken account of in next year's budget. The War Finance Board which, according to present legislation, will begin liquidation on July first next, has many millions of government money which will be released. We are continually told of new economies being accomplished by the Budget Committee, and that there are other economies in prospect.

But even if these sources did not exist, merely the interest already accrued, or which is annually accruing on the British debt alone would be sufficient to meet the soldiers' claims. I mention Great Britain specifically, because her solvency does not depend to the same degree as that of France and Italy upon reparation payments from Germany, and because the British Government has already begun to reduce its own domestic debt. Within the last few weeks, in fact, announcement has been made that payment of £50,000,000 (over \$200,000,000) in interest to the United States has been arranged for in next year's British budget.

In one or another of these ways, or
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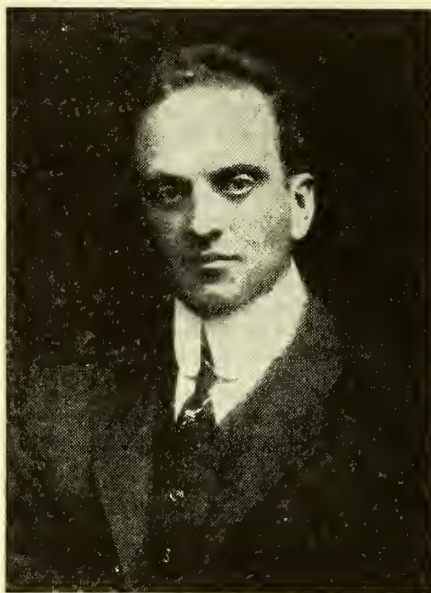


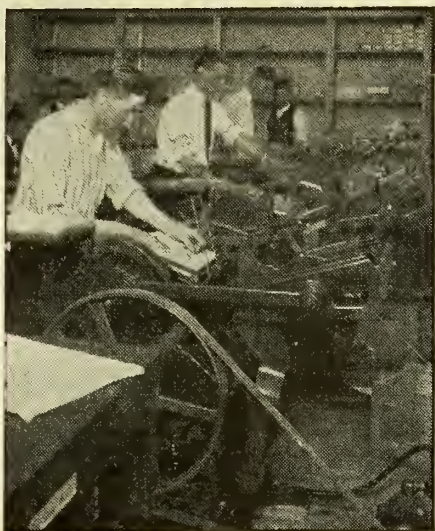
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A. Piatt Andrew

ing cash, the total would not amount to half as much per capita for our people as the compensation which Canada paid to her soldiers involved for her population.

How, you may ask, is this great sum to be paid?

It should be noted in passing that the suggestion of levying special taxes to meet a special expenditure has never been raised before in connection with the adjustment of compensation for any other war claimants. When the Dent Act was passed, which arranged for settling claims of war contractors, no particular revenue measure was provided, although the actual compensation paid under that act amounted to nearly \$3,000,000,000. No prejudice was created against these claimants and there was little protest against them, because they were paid out of the general resources of the Treasury, and no definite taxes were assigned for their settlement. The same is true of the adjustment of the compensation of the railroads, amounting to \$500,000,000 for the losses incurred under war administration. It is true also of the



Are the war-handicapped veterans of the World War, the graduates of Uncle Sam's vocational training courses, making good in the competition of everyday business life? The writer of this article says about half of them are, and he tells causes of success and failure.

Vocational graduates, (left) who once fed the guns, now feed the presses. Edward C. Peterson, former Air Service mechanic, trained by Uncle Sam to be a church organist in spite of a fractured knee (right)



The Battleworn in Business

By John R. Tunis

SCATTERED throughout the United States are 7,837 ex-service men who are the earliest graduates of the national educational system by which Uncle Sam has been fitting men with war handicaps to fight in the battle of daily life. They are the men who had received vocational training and had been declared rehabilitated up to January 1st of this year.

As a group these 7,837 veterans should afford the index to the degree of success which the Government has had in the remaking of men. They do—to some extent. It is possible to learn from the facts and statistics about them much that is vital in the whole problem of training the tens of thousands of ex-service men who are still being educated by the Government.

Complete facts about the 7,837 are, however, not available. It was only recently that the work of collecting data on the vocational graduates was begun, and so far the statistics and figures are available on only approximately half of the 7,837. The old Federal Board for Vocational Education had little system of follow-up on its graduates once a man had completed his training. The Veterans Bureau, into which the old Federal Board has been merged, has been at work for months now getting records as to wages earned, positions filled, advances made, successes or failures among ex-trainees and other facts.

Admitting that figures available are

imperfect, that they are several months behind the present date, what deductions if any is it possible to draw from these investigations? Have any of the trained men become successful? If so, how many and why? The answers to the above questions are easy. Yes, many of these men have become rehabilitated and are today successful in the best sense of the word. Many have overcome their disabilities to such an extent that they are making more money than they were before the war, more, perhaps, than they could have earned had they never been to France.

The exact number of successful men is difficult to state with precision, for the percentage will vary somewhat in the different sections of the country. In a Southern district that was visited, it was found that 55 out of 100 of those who had received training were on

their feet and making good; whereas, in a Northern district, the percentage was a little less, probably around 50 or 51 out of 100. Anything like 60 percent of successes in everyday life is a high proportion, however, and it is doubtful if any given number of men who had never been in the service and had never been disabled, would show the same percentage of successes. Certain it is that in no event would the figures be higher than those given above.

In order to check up personally these figures as well as the statements of the Veterans Bureau, the writer drew from the Bureau's files the names of over twenty men, half living in a Southern district and half in a Northern. These names were picked absolutely at random, and from this list the writer interviewed a number of

the men in each district. The results—well, read for yourself, and learn how some of these men are carrying on in spite of their disabilities.

First there was Pvt. Theodore L. C—, Co. F., 319th Infantry. The writer tried to see him at his home one evening at eight o'clock, only to find he was still at his office. Trailing him to his office the writer was forced to wait for nearly an hour while this ex-trainee disentangled himself from a mass of work on his desk. When at last he was free, the question was asked—

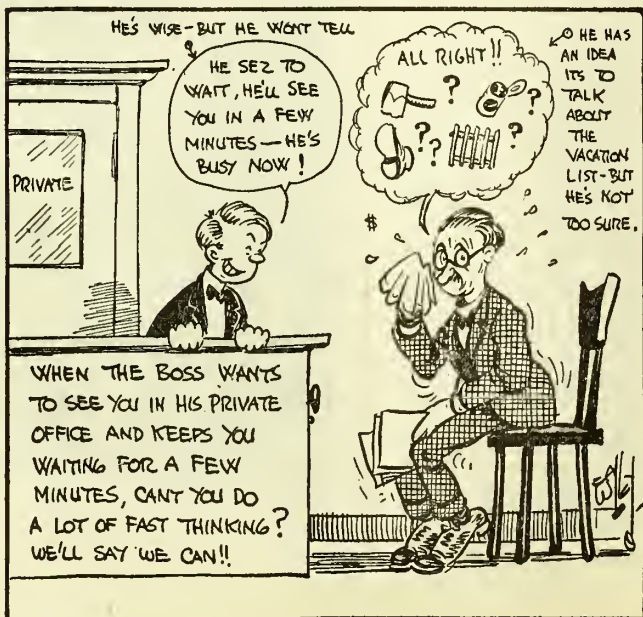
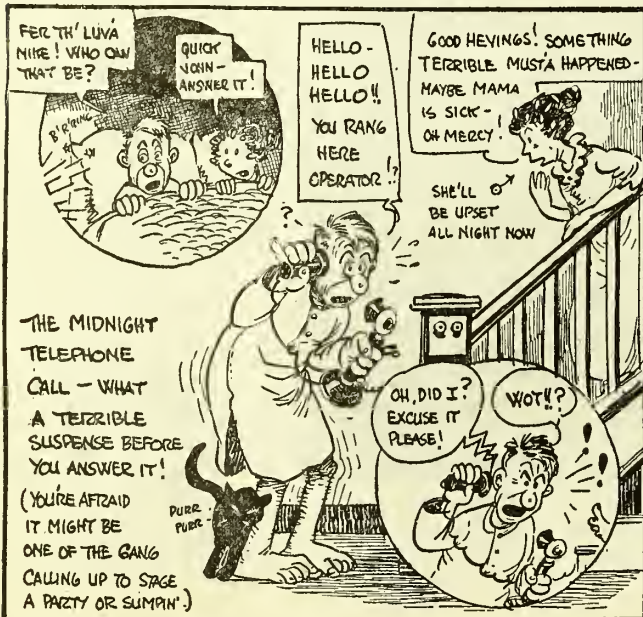
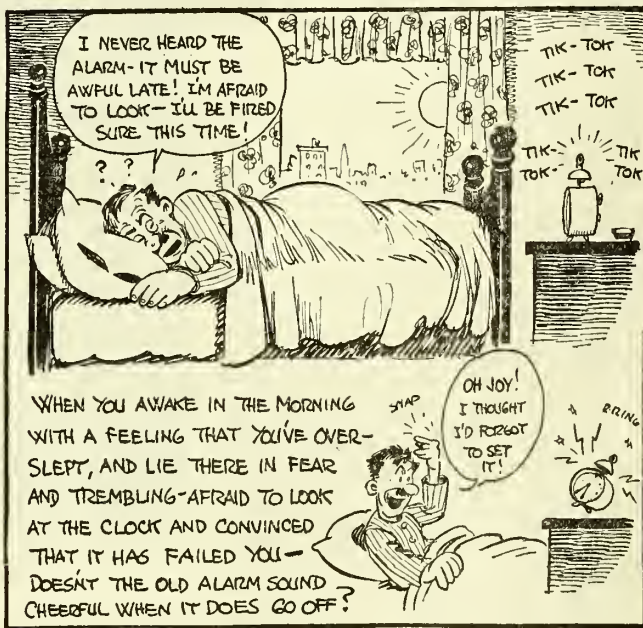
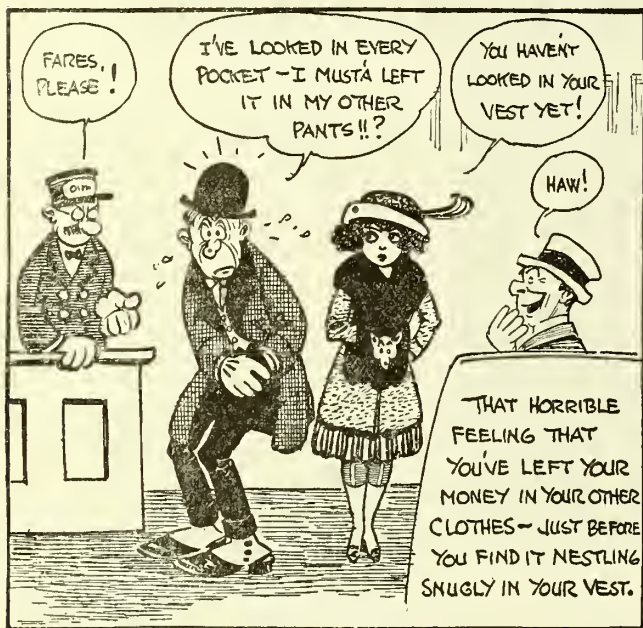
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These government graduates are earning their salt and then some in the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Botanical Gardens

Anxious Moments

By Wallgren.



Your Post and Your Town

In an Emergency

A FEW days ago a call was sent out for assistant teachers in the night school. We immediately called a meeting of our post and secured Legionnaires free in that capacity. The Mays Lick high school, fifty miles from here, which was recently completed, was presented with a flag by our post.—G. E. LETTON, *Adjutant, Nathan Caulder Post, Lexington, Ky.*

Volunteer Brawn

THE local Women's Study and Civic Club wanted a lot cleared off to make a park, and in order to do so had to get a building moved off. This post offered its services. We turned out in a body, moved the building, plowed the ground and put it in shape for planting this spring. The work was done in one day.—THEODORE H. MARK, *Adjutant, Semling Post, McVile, N. D.*

Sound Americanization

SYRACUSE has a large foreign-born element. For the most part this portion of the population live in scattered districts among their compatriots. A foreigner to become naturalized must show ability to read and write in his own language or in English, but the foreign wife becomes a citizen upon the naturalization of her husband despite her own educational shortcomings. Courts frown on this situation, which is to become changed by a law recently enacted but which is not as yet in effect and the constitutionality of which has not yet been determined.

Operating in Syracuse for the betterment of the condition of the foreign-born, for their easier assimilation and for their enlightenment is an organization known as the Americanization League of Syracuse, Inc. This corporation is run by a board of directors composed of various public-spirited citizens, with a veteran of the 27th Division and a member of Lighthall Post as American Legion representative. The league co-operates in the conduct of night schools for the men, and by a wonderful system of teaching in the homes provides efficient service for the elementary education of the foreign-born wife. To the league daily come the rush of foreign-born to discuss personal and domestic difficulties and to seek the aid and comfort of their new-found friends.

On the evening of Naturalization Day the successful candidates are granted diplomas from their schools. In co-operation with the league, Lighthall Post conducts the exercises. Some member of the post presides. There is excellent entertainment. Whole-hearted speeches of sincere welcome are made by officials of the league, members of the post and other representative citizens. Members of the class also speak. There is a fine repast of cider and doughnuts. After that there is dancing in which all participate. Applications for membership in the Modern

Pioneers, a carry-on club of naturalized citizens, are received and before leaving the meeting the foreign-born are real Americans. The boys who have worn their country's uniform, who have defended their country in time of war, have shaken the new American's hand and have made him feel as one of them. Thus is an American made. He is accorded the treatment due an American. He comes to feel like a good citizen. He is and will be a good citizen.

Is this not reason enough for the respect the community feels for Lighthall Post? Is not the policy of this post worthy of emulation?—FRANCIS P. WELSH, *Liaison Representative, 2nd District, Philip K. Lighthall Post, Syracuse, N. Y.*

In a Maine Town

LAST summer this post held its first annual picnic, open to everybody in town. We furnished coffee and fish chowder for everyone, requesting the townspeople to bring bowls and spoons. We served nearly 600 people in less than twenty minutes. The whole town closed up shop for the afternoon of the picnic, and everyone is looking forward to this year's repetition of the affair.

Since the post's organization we have taken charge of all patriotic services and celebrations and have conducted military funerals for all G. A. R. and Spanish war veterans and World War comrades who have died since our organization.

About a year ago we were given charge of the town hall, which at that time was seldom used and was falling into disrepair. We established clubrooms in the basement and let it for dances and basketball games. All the revenue thus derived was devoted to repairs and improvements. The hall is now being kept in first-class shape without any appropriation from the town government.—JULIAN E. TRECARTIN, *Adjutant, Arthur J. Stuart Post, Lubec, Me.*

From a Chief of Police

A SHORT time ago this city had an epidemic of house prowling. Owing to the limited number of patrolmen in this department, we found it exceedingly difficult to patrol the residence districts efficiently.

The commander of the local Legion post offered the services of Legion men to assist us in handling the outlying districts. By placing the Legion (Cont. on page 27)

Helping Hands

Is your town a better place to live in because it has a Legion post? What has your post done to prove its practical and unselfish interest in its community? Tell the Community Co-operation Editor, The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City. Here are a few examples of the sort of community spirit which the Legion is exhibiting:

Liberal (Kansas) Post has undertaken the excavation of a swimming pool in the city park and will dig holes for tree planting.

Lawler (Iowa) Post has agreed to act as the town's fire department.

Every post in the eighth Minnesota district will present a trophy annually to the high school pupil with the best record in scholarship and athletics.

McMinnville (Oregon) Post has bought a pulmotor for the local fire department.

Goodland (Kansas) Post and its Auxiliary unit have each voted to equip a room in a local hospital.

Lowery Post of Lawton, Oklahoma, will establish a recreation center for the city in the form of a faithful reproduction of a French village.

Members of Sarasota Bay Post of Sarasota, Florida, turned out in a body to fight a fire in a local residence.

Russell Johnson Post of Appleton, Minnesota, and its Auxiliary gave the town a community birthday party, awarding a prize cake to the oldest inhabitant.

And Your Post?



Legionnaires of McVile, North Dakota, found a building in the way when they policed up the ground for a new park site selected by the local Women's Civic Club. The picture shows the building shaking a day-day to the park with the Legion's assistance

EDITORIAL



For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.—*Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.*

Another Compensation Endorsement

THE American Legion views with gratification the results of the national referendum on the Adjusted Compensation Bill conducted by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. The votes cast in this referendum by more than 1,500 affiliated bodies in the towns and cities of the United States prove conclusively what the Legion has maintained all along—that sentiment throughout the country, away from the nation's financial dictatorship in Wall Street, is overwhelmingly for the passage of the Legion's bill.

Summarized, the results of the national chamber's referendum were as follows:

By votes of three to one, three of the five options in the Adjusted Compensation Bill were unequivocally indorsed. The chambers went on record in favor of giving aid to veterans in acquiring farm or city homes, vocational education or settling on reclaimed lands.

More than one-third—almost one-half—of all the affiliated commerce bodies voted flatly in favor of the cash and insurance options of the Legion's bill in spite of the fact that the primary purpose of the referendum apparently was to secure an overwhelming expression against the cash and insurance options.

A large number of local bodies refused to vote in the referendum on the ground that the questions were unfairly framed, and many of these dissenting bodies expressed their true sentiments by passing resolutions indorsing the Adjusted Compensation Bill as a whole.

The votes on the four questions submitted by the national chamber were as follows:

Settlement on reclaimed lands.	For, 1,249.	Against, 452.
Home and farm aid.	For, 1,022.	Against, 316.
Vocational training.	For, 1,378.	Against, 316.
Cash or insurance.	For, 467.	Against, 1,221.

These figures are the real index to the influence exerted on public opinion by the powerful interlocked business organizations which have been pouring arguments against the justice and expediency of adjusted compensation into every channel of our national life. For months the views of these business organizations have been faithfully thrust upon the people of America by a group of propagandists engaged in a combined offensive against the Legion's bill. In addition, the national officers of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, who conducted the referendum on compensation, took good care to make that referendum so far as possible a means of propaganda against the Legion's bill.

Despite all these influences the business men of the nation registered their earnest belief in the justice of adjusted compensation and their votes are a rebuke to the efforts of the professional lobbyists and propagandists who have heretofore misrepresented them.

The lesson is plain: The country is with the Legion despite the tremendous campaign of calumny against ex-service men. With the national chamber's poll conclusively proving this—and conclusively disproving, incidentally, that the business interests of the country are an exception to the rest of it—Congress can proceed with confidence in the enactment of adjusted compensation.

When Help Was Wanted Desperately

ON March 20, 1918, the German high command was putting the finishing touches to its plan for the supreme effort of the war, the Kaiser Battle which was to open on the morrow and which, by splitting the French and British Armies, was to annihilate the Allied forces.

On March 20, 1922, The American Legion will observe American Legion Employment Day throughout the country, in a supreme effort to cripple the forces of General Unemployment and pour divisions of jobless veterans through the gap.

When the Kaiser Battle opened, America had barely 350,000 men in France. By the end of May this figure had been more than doubled. In the following four months more than a million Yanks stepped on the transports; two million more were training intensively in the home cantonments; another half million were manning the gray ships.

Help was wanted desperately then. There was a job for every able-bodied male. There was food for every sound male stomach, except in the emergency of the fox holes; shelter (sometimes in a shelter half) for every sound male frame.

Germany did not win, largely because America had the men that France and England no longer had. They are back home this March, and hundreds of thousands of them are without jobs. Is not the emergency of peace as great and impelling as the emergency of war? The Legion proposes to tell the country, this March 20th, that it most certainly is.

And That Ends That

AMERICA supports, among other pernicious parasites, a few periodicals which are devoted to the promotion of bigotry. Witness the title of an article recently published at Washington, D. C.: "Rome Heads The American Legion."

The inference is that National Commander MacNider is a Catholic. It just happens that National Commander is not a Catholic. And it also happens that if National Commander MacNider were a Catholic, the fact would make no difference to The American Legion.

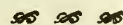
Serving His Sentence

SPRING is not quite here yet—officially it will arrive early next week—but spring fever is already epidemic. Down in the Legion's next convention city of New Orleans and points adjacent they may not notice the difference, but in the broad belt that stretches from Maine to Montana and beyond the air is vibrant with change. The restless season is at hand, the season when fresh woods and pastures new beckon men from the monotony of workaday drudgery. Spring is coming, to Pennsylvania as well as to Indiana, to Philadelphia no less than to Pittsburgh.

And we'll bet that nobody feels the spring urge more than Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, and that he would give a hundred pots of buried gold and all the table d'hôte (with wine) dinners in Switzerland just to get a glimpse of the maple trees in bud in Fairmount Park.

In Mr. Harding's Home Town

THE Bird McGinnis Post of The American Legion, in Marion, O., has incorporated in a resolution an appeal to President Harding and Congress to appraise at its true worth the propaganda of trade and commercial associations against the Adjusted Compensation Bill. The Chamber of Commerce at Marion, Mr. Harding's home, has indorsed the Adjusted Compensation Bill. Coming from his old friends and neighbors, these expressions should do much to keep Mr. Harding firm in his purpose to see that justice is done to ex-service men. They should fortify him against the influences which are trying to break down that purpose.



A few weeks ago the people of Alabama voted 113,384 to 17,488 to exempt ex-service men from payment of poll taxes. More evidence that the anti-compensationists' efforts to alienate the affection of the American people for the American soldier have failed.

Keeping Step with the Legion

and The American Legion Auxiliary

Relief at the Jobless Post

"**H**ALT! Hoozair!"

"Relief!"

"Advance, relief, to be recognized!"

Now this relief person may have been the individual in the outfit whom you hated above all others. But did you give him the cold and icy? Did you refuse to recognize him? Man, you'd have kissed him on both dimples if it had been so ordained by the I. D. R. You conversed with him cordially, even though your conversation was limited to your special orders—telling him (without pointing) not to let anyone smuggle any water from the *eau non potable* tap at the end of the big stone barracks. Then you fell in with the rest of the guard-house bound bucks, fairly purring at the prospect of four off under O. D. blankets and a slug of hot coffee before your next tour started—wouldn't the cooks be up and stirring then?

A bed and a meal—man wants but little here below, but he can't get along without those two essentials. The Legion, in the past year, has provided so many beds and meals that no one has been able to keep track of them. It has also provided thousands of jobs, many of them permanent, which is itself a mighty effective way of providing beds and meals. It has striven against unbelievable odds to keep Old Man Wolf away from the tent flap—and Old Man Wolf is General Depression's officer of the day.

It has striven and it still striving, and the greatest of all its efforts will be made Monday, March 20th. That's next Monday, if the heavily-bearded Circulation Manager gets this magazine to you on time, and he usually does.

March 20th will be American Legion Employment Day. The plan formulated late in February by the National Commander and National Headquarters for this day has called on posts in every municipality or county to organize for March 20th meetings to which will be invited employers, representatives of welfare organizations and city officials. Each meeting is to be in charge of a local employment committee made up of Legionnaires and interested citizens. This committee will survey the local situation before the meeting and listen to discussions of the remedies for unemployment in its locality at the meeting itself. It is to remain in existence as long after the meeting as is necessary to insure that its plans are carried out. It will keep the public acquainted with the exact situation.

If the Legion were just now finding out that there was an unemployment problem, we should regard the outcome of these meetings as a toss-up. Anything might happen, from oratory to action. Knowing what the Legion has done about unemployment, knowing how it has thrown its whole energy into the fight and made dents in the enemy line everywhere, we know that there will be action. We don't mean

by this that every jobless buddy will fall into a million-dollar job on March 21st. But he ought very soon to be able to fall into a bowl of hot soup, a bed, and enough odd jobs to keep him supplied with a third necessity—cigarettes.

Elsewhere in this issue is printed a countrywide survey of the ex-service unemployment situation and the spring outlook. It is based on reports provided at the request of this magazine by representative department headquarters, and presents an accurate picture of the problem as it exists on the eve of American Legion Employment Day. That day, remember, is Monday, March 20th.

Legion Calendar

Unemployment

The unemployed ex-service man has been a Legion problem since demobilization. In the face of the most serious unemployment crisis since the war, reached this winter, the Legion has made notable gains. While the general situation remains nearly as bad as it ever was, the Legion is almost everywhere reporting definite progress—and proving it by statistics. Next Monday will see Legion effort concentrated in meetings all over the country to be held in response to the National Commander's order for the observance of American Legion Employment Day. "All over the country" means your town.

Service Census

National Headquarters has sent to departments the blank forms to be used in this campaign to list every veteran in the country and make plain to him how the Legion can help him. On the next two pages is published a sample blank form with complete instructions for filling it out. Details of the census are in the hands of the departments. Be ready when the whistle blows in your State.

Somebody at the Front Door

IT ought to be as easy as giving away calendars. A shove at the bell, a tip of the hat (assuming that the lady of the house answers), and "Are there any men or women in this house who were in the Army or Navy during the war?"

That is what the Legion's Service and Adjusted Compensation Campaign (Service Census) will mean by the time it gets down to the individual Legionnaire. The census will operate on the house-that-Jack-built plan, thus:

This is National Headquarters, which has prepared and distributed the blanks to the department headquarters, which will pass them on (or has passed them on) to posts, together with instructions

about the details of the campaign in the individual States, which (this "which" means the posts—Jack is building a skyscraper this time) will divide their local territory into districts of convenient size, each being assigned to a post member.

The post member, armed with a load of the blanks and with this copy of The American Legion Weekly, describing just how the blanks are to be filled out (see the next page), will walk up the front steps of House Number One in his district, ring the bell—and they're off.

It is with no intention of passing the buck to the buck that this plan has been evolved. For the plan adopted is the logical way of conducting the campaign. When the Government sets about taking the Federal census every ten years, it doesn't try to do it all from Washington. It appoints a supervisor in every State, and then conducts examinations to select individual enumerators in every community—hundreds of them for the larger cities. If our memory is working, Uncle Sam had to hire something like 50,000 enumerators for the 1920 census. Each one cleaned up his district in two weeks or so, and he had to list every man, woman and child in his district, not just ex-service men.

The Legion has many times 50,000 men and women who are ready to do its own census job. It is not likely that the Legion's veteran counters will have to fill out a blank oftener than in one family out of every four or five in the country. The task is relatively simple.

Relatively, we said. That means it's some job. But it is in the hands of folks who can do it.

How the Teams Stand

NOT for a few weeks yet will the ump dust off the home plate with a whisk broom and set the big leagues in motion. But the season is already two months old in the Legion's Subscription Card League. Some of the teams are piling up percentages that shade those of any World's Series winner in history. Note the table of standings given below, prepared exclusively for this department by the beetle-browed Circulation Manager. The table shows the ratio of Weekly subscription cards received by February 28th to paid-up membership in the departments as of December 31st, 1921. In other words, Florida .806 means that Florida, at the end of February, had already renewed more than 80 percent of its final 1921 membership. Here are the 20 leaders:

Florida.....	.806	Iowa .....	.627
Oklahoma .....	.718	Wyoming .....	.617
Nebraska .....	.695	North Dak.....	.616
Missouri .....	.662	Wisconsin .....	.616
Arkansas .....	.659	Nevada .....	.612
Minnesota .....	.658	No. Carolina....	.604
Vermont .....	.648	Kentucky .....	.600
Utah638	Pennsylvania ..	.597
Ohio633	Rhode Island...	.596
New Mex.....	.631	Indiana589

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THE AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE CAMPAIGN

Department of Rhode Island

Name in full PETER S. DOUGHGOB
 Address 921 Legion Blvd., Providence
 Date and place of enlistment Providence, R. I. Sept. 23, 1917 Serial No. 876 423
 Date of discharge Aug 13th 1919 Place Providence R. I. Outfit 9th Inf.
 Married Single Yes Number of dependents Were you wounded? Yes
 Nature of wound shrap. right calf Any physical disability resulting from service Yes
 Have you suffered a vocational handicap? Yes Applied for compensation? No
 Vocational Training? No Hospitalization? No
 Was your claim granted? How much? Satisfactory or not?
 Claim Number Do you require hospital treatment? Yes
 Do you want vocational training? No Have you dropped your War Risk Insurance? Yes
 If so, do you wish to reinstate it? Yes Do you want it converted into permanent U. S. Government Insurance? Yes
 Do you want to change the beneficiary? No What is your vocation? motorman
 Are you now following it? No If not, why not? Leg injury prevents do you want to? Yes
 What plan in the adjusted compensation bill do you favor or want to avail yourself of?
 Paid-up insurance Yes Farm and Home Aid Vocational Training
 Land Settlement Adjusted Pay
 Are you willing that your share be used as a rotating fund for loans to disabled comrades that need help?
 Do you know of any disabled buddy needing help? Yes Name WILBUR LEATHERNECK
 Address 717 Post Ave., Providence Did you get your Victory Medal? No
 \$60 bonus on discharge? Yes Does the Government owe you back pay? No Liberty Bonds No
 Allotments No Naval Reservist's Pay No Are you a member of The American Legion? No
 If so, what Post? If not, why? Just never joined
 Do you receive The American Legion Weekly? State Paper?
 How can they be improved?
 What do you think The American Legion should do? See that veterans' needs are cared for
 Not do? Go into Politics
 What members of your family are eligible for membership in The American Legion Auxiliary? Mother
 Do you want them to join? Yes Have you applied to The American Legion for assistance? No
 How can The American Legion be of service to you? getting leg treated
 Do you know of a job open for an ex-service man or woman? No If so, where?
 Particulars Are you employed? Yes
 Do you need a job? Details Would like to return to pre-war occupation of motorman.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION

March 15, 1922

I hereby make application for membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION (AUXILIARY)

Name of Post Roger Williams No. 148

Name of Auxiliary Roger Williams Post Unit No. 148

Signed Peter S. Doughgob
 Signed Emily R. Doughgob

Name of member receiving information and application J. Drab Blue

Here's the How of the Legion's Service Census

"YOU don't talk Legion—you sell service," said the National Commander in outlining the scope of the Legion's Service and Adjusted Compensation Campaign before the Indianapolis conference of department officials and members of the National Executive Committee.

In endorsing the plan, the Indianapolis conference left the details of its management to the different departments. Dates, methods, division and assignment of territory—these are in the departments' hands, and if your department headquarters has not yet made clear to your post the part which the post and you will play in the census, it soon will. To National Headquarters was left the task of preparing and distributing to the departments sufficient copies of the individual census blank adopted by the conference to list the details concerning every American veteran. Shipment of these blanks has already been made.

A filled-in sample of the official census blank is reproduced on the opposite page. Individual census takers (and you, buddy, if you haven't been appointed to the job already and assigned a definite territory in your town to handle, are likely to have it assigned to you soon by your post) should study this blank carefully. For the guidance of individual Legion and Auxiliary census takers (the Auxiliary is to have an important share in the job; in many States teams consisting of one Legion and one Auxiliary member will be entrusted with individual districts) the following instructions are given. It is suggested that individual census takers carry this copy of the Weekly with them in making the rounds of their districts, to serve as a help to them in filling in the blanks.

Instructions for Filling In Blanks

Name in full. This means all the names a man has.

Address. Get addresses in as complete detail as possible, so that your information will be of real service to your post adjutant or service officer in keeping in touch with the veterans you list.

Date and place of enlistment and of discharge. Specify month, day and year, town and State, also camp or station if possible.

Serial Number. This is desirable but not essential. There were no serial numbers in the Navy.

Outfit. Specify unit as clearly as you can—regiment, station, ship; company, battery and similar units if possible. Most men belonged to several outfits at one time or another; specify

here the organization from which the man whom you are interviewing was discharged.

Married or single. Write "Yes" in whichever space applies, inserting dash in other space.

Dependents are those who look to someone (in this case the veteran you are interviewing) for support. Usually, of course, they will be members of the man's immediate family, but not necessarily.

Were you wounded? Be careful to distinguish between wounds, which are inflicted by hostile weapons, and injuries sustained in accidents, etc. If a man has been gassed he has been wounded.

Nature of wound. Specify object inflicting injury and location of injury, as, "H. E., left knee"; "M. G., lower abdomen."

Any physical disability resulting from service? This includes not only wounds, but after-effects of influenza, pneumonia, or any other disease contracted in line of duty, or of accidents suffered in service. Specify details, if necessary on reverse of sheet.

Have you suffered a vocational handicap? A vocational handicap is an injury resulting from service wounds, disease or accident which has unfitted the veteran for the sort of work by which he gained his livelihood before entering the service.

Applied for compensation? A veteran has applied for compensation if he has filled out and returned to the Veterans Bureau the blank forms supplied by the bureau requesting surgical, medical or dental treatment or vocational training. Remember that compensation here means disability compensation; do not confuse it with State or Federal adjusted compensation.

Vocational training or hospitalization? Answers to these questions will further amplify a "Yes" answer to the preceding question. Insert dashes if the questions do not apply. The same rule holds for the next five questions: *Was your claim granted? How much? (Monthly rate.) Satisfactory or not? Claim number? Do you require hospital treatment?* The claim number is the number given on each letter received from the Veterans Bureau re-

"He" Means Every American Veteran

HE may want a Victory Medal, he may be desperately in need of a hospital cot—whatever it is, if he would like to have it and is entitled to have it, the Legion intends to see that he gets it. The Legion's Service and Adjusted Compensation Campaign (Service Census) will be a house-to-house canvass of the United States, conducted by individual Legionnaires under the direction of their departments and posts.

The aims of the campaign are:

- 1 To seek out and list every American veteran of the World War and determine his needs and the privileges of which he has not availed himself despite his right to them as a veteran.
- 2 To gather evidence that will indicate positively to Congress and the country what options veterans will choose under the Legion's Five-Fold Adjusted Compensation Bill.
- 3 To make plain to all citizens, including veterans, that the Legion means service; to explain to veterans what the Legion is trying to do for them and to show them the advantages of membership in the Legion for themselves and in the Auxiliary for their mothers, wives, sisters and daughters.

ferring to an individual case, and is the number under which the individual claim is filed.

War Risk and Government Insurance. To answer these four questions properly, the Legion census taker must familiarize himself with the following facts: United States Government Insurance is another name for War Risk Insurance (converted). Dropping insurance is permitting it to lapse through non-payment of premiums or deliberately discontinuing it. War Risk Insurance may be reinstated, or reinstated and converted into United States Government Insurance, (a) within three calendar months, including the calendar month for which the unpaid premium was due, provided the applicant is in as good health as he was at the due date of the premium in default; or (b) after the expiration of the three calendar months mentioned in the preceding clause, provided the applicant is in good health. The Government offers six forms of converted policies: Ordinary life, 20-payment life, 30-payment life, 20-year endowment, 30-year endowment, endowment at age 62. The advantage of conversion is that under War Risk Insurance, the policy holder receives only month-to-month protection, whereas the holder of a converted policy holds whatever kind of insurance he wants and has a policy with a cash or loan surrender value in addition to the protection; in other words, he is building up an investment. In addition to this, War Risk Insurance



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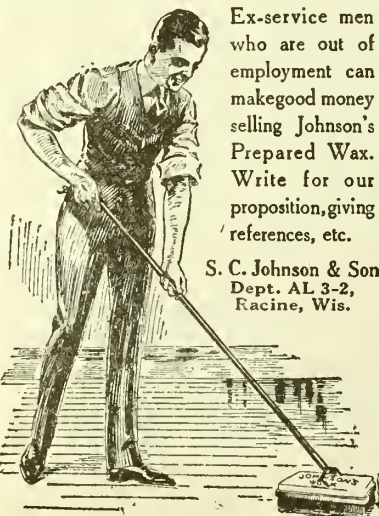
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What is your vocation? Are you following it? A man's vocation is the trade in which he is an expert or the form of regular employment for which he is best qualified. A man who is temporarily gaining his livelihood in some other form of employment than his regular occupation is not following his vocation. If he is not, find out *why* not, and whether he *wants* to follow it.

Adjusted Compensation. Indicate what option the man will take in the event of the passage of the Legion's Five-fold Adjusted Compensation Bill by writing "Yes" after the plan he prefers. Place dashes in the four spaces which do not apply. To aid the man you are interviewing in answering these questions, you must yourself be familiar with the general plan of the bill. The five options are: (1) Adjusted service pay, (2) paid-up insurance, (3) farm or home aid, (4) land settlement, (5) vocational training. These five options were briefly summarized on page 8 of *The American Legion Weekly* for December 23 and on page 18, December 30, 1921. You should also study carefully the more detailed explanation of the five features published in articles on "Interpreting Compensation" in the issues of February 17 (page 15) and February 24 (page 13), 1922. Remember that the veteran you interview, unless he is a Legionnaire, probably shares the popular misconception of the bill as an all-cash measure. You may be the first person to tell him that the cash plan is only one of five plans—and the plan least advantageous to him unless his present situation is desperate.

Rotating fund for comrades who need help. This is a plan whereby the veteran who does not himself need adjusted compensation may turn it into a Legion loan fund to be placed at the disposal of veterans needing immediate assistance. Do not press anyone to contribute to the fund—the man you are interviewing may need immediate assistance himself. But let him know that such a fund will be started if the Legion's bill passes.

Do you know of any disabled buddy needing help? Disabled here should be interpreted as meaning any veteran to whom the Legion can be of any assistance. Use the reverse side of the blank for details or additional names, writing "Over" after the question itself and "See other side" at the top of the sheet. This rule applies to any other information that you do not find room for on the front of the sheet. In writing on the back, be sure to specify what question the information you are supplying bears on.

Did you get your Victory Medal, \$60 bonus, etc.? Record only "Yes" or "No" answers here. Your post will compile the information and attend to the man's actual needs. Any additional data you can gather on the veteran's needs, however, will be of value to your post officials.

Are you a member of The American Legion? If so, of what post? If not, why? State a man's reason for not joining as briefly and clearly as possible.

Do you receive The American Legion Weekly? State paper? How can they be improved? If you have no State paper but publish a post paper, use the State paper blank for the post paper. Record the man's suggested improvements for these publications carefully—remember he is in each case the person for whom the paper is published, the man whom it must satisfy to fulfill its function of service to the veteran, the Legion and the country.

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How can The American Legion be of service to you? This question applies to the man's individual case? What does he require or what is he entitled to as a veteran that the Legion can do or get for him?

Do you know of a job open for an ex-service man? Job means any kind of work, permanent or temporary, from a trained executive position to carpet beating at fifty cents an hour. Possibly the man you are interviewing wants his own carpet beaten.

Are you employed? Do you need a job? If the veteran is not working regularly at some occupation, put him down as unemployed, but specify in that case whether he is gaining a livelihood by temporary work. Under *Details* present the veteran's present situation in succinct detail. Even if everyone you interview is employed, the answers to this question will provide your post with valuable data on the economic status of the ex-service men in your community.

Application for Legion membership. By the time you have received answers to the above questions, the man you are talking to ought to be convinced that the Legion is ready to do something for him, and that it is to his own interest to belong to it. Do not, however, give him the idea that unless he joins, the Legion is not going to help him. On the contrary, make it plain to him that the Legion is going to help him to the limit of its power whether he joins or not.

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He Knew

Bookkeeper: "Mr. Grouch, I am going to get married."

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(To be continued)

No Percentage

First Ex-Doughboy: "What are you going to do with your Federal compensation, if we get it?"

Second Ex-Doughboy: "Pay the money I'll owe on the bets that we wouldn't."

Easy to Be Calm

The patient in the private ward of a hospital was a testy old millionaire whose case at first gave the physician considerable difficulty.

"Well," said the crusty one after he had been there several weeks, "how do you find me this morning?"

"You're getting on well," replied the physician, rubbing his hands in satisfaction. "Your legs are still swollen, but that doesn't bother me."

"Of course it doesn't," snarled the old man. "Your legs could swell till they blew up and it wouldn't bother me."

Thrifty Terry

Not all Irishmen are spendthrifts. Terry of Kildare took out a license to marry the girl he had been keeping steady company with, but for some reason she balked at the last moment and it was declared off. A couple of weeks later he reappeared at the license bureau armed with his paper.

"Sir," he said to the clerk, "in February last I got a license from you to marry one Mary Manning. 'Tis off that woman I am for life and now, yer honor, will ye please change the name to Honora Moriarty."

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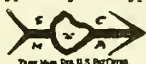
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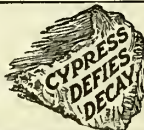
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have to get another license," explained the clerk.

"An' pay fer it?"

"Of course."

"Wurra, wurra! 'Tis rooned I am en-
tirely, f'r I just coorted Honora to be after
savin' the two dollars."

Raided?

"The April 25th bill consisted of Mlle.
Fifi, who opened and closed the same night."
—Close Ups, Los Angeles.

Very

The Magistrate: "But why did you
throw the axe at the man's head? Didn't
you know it would kill him? Haven't you
any brains?"

The Culprit: "No, judge, I guess I ain't
strong on brains. I'm just handy with
tools."

The Desirable Alternative

"'Tis better to have loved and lost—"
"Than to have won and been stung for
alimony."

A Trial to Him

Solicitous Lady: "I cannot help a man
who tries to do nothing for himself. Have
you no convictions of your own?"

Seedy Sam: "No'm. Oncet I come near
to gettin' one, but th' jury disagreed."

The Whole Cuisine

During the Argonne fighting a veteran
of the Marne and St. Mihiel took cover in
a shellhole where a replacement, lately sent
up from the rear, was enduring his bap-
tism of fire. The earth suddenly heaved and
shook under the terrific impact of a Ger-
man H. E. exploding near them.

The old timer cast a bored, professional
glance at the spouting geyser of dirt and
steel fragments and remarked non-
chalantly:

"Nothin' but 'nother of them G. I. cans."
"G. I. can, bunk!" howled the youngster,
seeking to squirm yet deeper into the pro-
tecting bosom of mother earth. "Them's
rollin' kitchens."

Just Some Limericks

Said Larry O'Grady to Bridget:
"Say, why do you blush so and fidget
When the ice-man comes in?"
She replied with a grin:
"Because he's anice-man, you ijit!"

There was an old lady named Gloomer,
Who took in a pretty young roomer.
They informed her her son
Had eloped just for fun,
And she can't to this day see the humor.

Young Spilkins had been on a spree,
As any poor looney could see.
When asked where he'd been,
He replied, "Way up in
A hic-hic-hic-hickory tree."

Ma'mselle, Senorita and Miss
Were asked by their beaux for a kiss.
Ma'mselle answered "Oui,"
Senorita said, "Si,"
But the Miss replied (bingo!), "Take this!"

There was a young man who ate fish
(For that was his favorite dish);
And he drank with his food,
As he said it was good
For the fish to have some place to swish.

Kee-rect!

Generai Parker and his aide were trav-
eling from one post to another on inspec-
tion. The general noted that the driver of
the four-line team seemed to know his mules
well and always addressed them by name.

"Get up dar, Tom! Frow yo'se'f inter
dat collar, Sam! Steady dar, Jim! Mahnd
yo' step, General!"

General Parker finally asked:
"How did you come to name that mule
'General'?"

"Well, suh, yo' see he does most of de
prancin' but mighty little of de pullin'."

The Jobless Veteran

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understatement of the present situation. Nine thousand of Maryland's 15,000 jobless are in the city of Baltimore, where a Legion committee is rendering effective aid.

In the South conditions and statistics vary with the proportion of large industrial cities to farming areas. In Kentucky, for example, unemployment is virtually a one-city problem. This centralization of the task has helped Louisville to reduce the number of jobless veterans 80 percent from the peak.

In Mississippi, however, a purely agricultural State, the problem is relatively insignificant. The principal unemployment puzzle offered for solution to the Mississippi Legion has been the transient veteran. The department has so far been able to meet the situation successfully.

In Virginia, the Legion has been confronted by an unusual condition. The curtailment of ship-building activity following the Limitation of Armaments Conference has resulted in the discharge of several thousand employes from the Norfolk Navy Yard, a good percentage of whom were ex-service men. Virginia is proceeding on the theory that if the Legion does not help the jobless veteran, whether he belongs to the Legion or not, nobody else will. Posts in Florida cities have had plenty to do in finding work. The department believes that conditions will not improve in Florida so quickly as in some other sections, due to the fact that the ebb and flow of depression are not felt so soon.

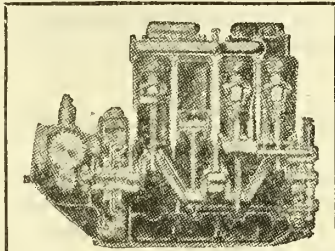
Texas reports an increase in ex-service unemployment during the past six months, with seven percent of all veterans now out of work. An intensive state-wide employment campaign is planned for this month independent of Legion Employment Day. Texas department headquarters reports the situation not so bad as it is further East.

What is true of the Atlantic Coast and the South is equally true of the Middle West—conditions vary with the ratio of industrial to agricultural population. In the more purely agricultural States the outlook is bright, and steadier markets add a tint of real silver to the unemployment cloud. The Kansas Legion believes the turning point will soon be reached where jobs begin to outnumber job-seekers, and expects to have no unemployment in the spring, although a spell of hard weather late in the winter has somewhat checked this optimism. Iowa, where the number of veteran unemployed has been reduced from 20 to 13 percent of all veterans, has taken heart from the fact that the frost is working out of the ground and the statement of local bankers that prospects are "mighty pleasing." Nebraska believes the outlook is only fair and that spring wages will not be impressive, but foresees definite improvement as farm work opens up.

South Dakota, where the situation has never been formidable, reports the spring outlook good. An interesting sidelight on the general situation is provided in this department's experiences. Aberdeen, second largest city in the State, inherited almost the whole of the State's employment problem a few months ago from the simple fact that it is located on a coast-to-coast railroad. Wisconsin and Indiana also proph-

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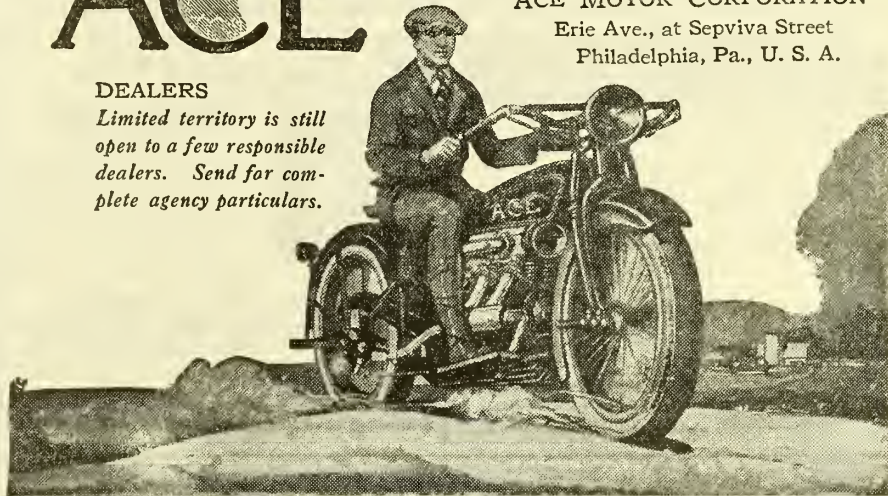
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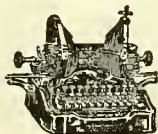
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easy increased activity with warmer weather. In the former State, where the ranks of unemployed have been reduced 25 percent, department headquarters states that the spring outlook seems considerably better, while Indiana, with less than half as many unemployed as at the peak, finds the prospect "very encouraging," with more jobs likely to show up than there are jobless veterans to fill them. In Minnesota, where every town and city of 10,000 or more has an active Legion employment bureau, the employment outlook is called "brighter than during the winter."

The big city adds to the complexity of the job puzzle in Illinois and Michigan, but the former is able to report that the spring outlook around Chicago is brighter. Between 20,000 and 25,000 veterans are unemployed in Illinois, where the peak reached last year has been steadily reduced. Michigan has reduced unemployment 40 percent and reports the spring outlook fair.

Missouri, where the problem has been principally concentrated in St. Louis and Kansas City, believes that with the coming of warm weather there will be a gradual opening-up of work, though a speedy revival is not anticipated. "Fairly normal by midsummer" is Missouri's hope. In Oklahoma, where the number of unemployed veterans is below the countrywide average, only a slight improvement over December is noted by department officials.

Colorado does not look for the worst until spring. It must be remembered, however, that Colorado's situation is probably unique. Thousands of veterans, most of them suffering from tuberculosis, have flocked to the State in the belief that to be there was to be cured, buoyed up by the tuberculous man's optimism and the universal thought in the unemployed man's brain that a job lies over the next hill.

Taking Idaho and Montana as typical of the Rocky Mountain States, it is possible to say that there has been little real distress among veterans as a result of the unemployment crisis. In Montana the problem is not a new one, smelters and mines having generally closed down in 1920, as a result of which many unemployed men left the State. Idaho has been hit by underproduction in mines and on farms and construction inactivity, but has still been able to reduce the total of unemployed veterans by more than one-half. A return to normal conditions is looked for in April. Wyoming, where veteran unemployment has been cut 40 percent, believes that there will be work for the rest by the end of April, weather permitting.

The outlook on the Pacific Coast, while not altogether roseate, is still much brighter than on the Atlantic. Here, too, the transient is the chief ingredient in the problem. In California alone one of every two out-of-work veterans is a transient, but the State has none the less been able to reduce the total of unemployed by about 30 percent. Oregon, where the crisis centers in Portland, finds little encouragement in the spring outlook but calls it no worse than problematical. Washington has cut the number of unemployed veterans from 12,000 to 7,000. In one recent week Seattle unearthed more jobs than it had men to fill them, but holdover applicants still leave the situation bad.

The Battleworn in Business

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cupation before you went into the service?"

"I was a salesman on my feet all day."

"And your disability?"

"A high explosive bullet fractured my thigh, making walking a difficult job."

"How did the board train you?"

"They put me through the G— Law School and on graduation I got a position with this firm. Busy?—Well," and he waved his hand at the clock on the wall which pointed to ten minutes of ten.

This man is making over three thousand dollars a year as against fourteen hundred before the war. Making good? You can judge for yourself whether he is or not.

Pvt. James E. B— was a motor dispatch rider at the front. He was run over, injured, and on his return was unable to go back to his former occupation of a drug clerk. He was trained by the Board and was found at a bench in a large automobile upholstery factory in an Eastern city.

"What are you making here?" he was asked.

"Thirty-two a week; but I get raised eight bucks a month, next pay day," was the answer.

"Is that more than you were knocking down before the war?"

He thought a minute.

"Just fourteen dollars a week more," he answered.

And his foreman told the writer that this man was one of the best men he had!

Then there is Pvt. Martin V. O'C—, late United States Marines. He left high school to enter the service and retired several years later with gunshot wounds in his calf, thigh, and leg. Under the supervision of the Federal Board, he took a course in Journalism in a large university, and he was found at his desk in the office of a famous metropolitan daily, making thirty dollars a week. Or take Milton D—, who before the war was a laborer earning, when he worked—which was not all the time—twelve dollars a week. He was given a course in tire vulcanizing, and today is employed by a tire concern. He is making twenty-five dollars a week, over twice what he made before he entered the service. These cases, remember, are a few of those that were casually picked from the files of the Veterans Bureau, and the men were called on at their homes or offices without advance notice or warning of any sort.

That is the story of several men who have made good, who have done so in spite of their disability. These men are only a few of the thousands who have made the uphill fight and won. Granting then, that certain numbers of the men have succeeded, that these numbers would run from 50 to 55 out of every 100, according to the geographical, economic and human factors to be met with by each individual, what, in brief, are the reasons that made them successful? Why have they gone ahead while others with no worse disability have fallen behind? Below are a few of the causes present, in nearly every case, for their success in the face of odds.

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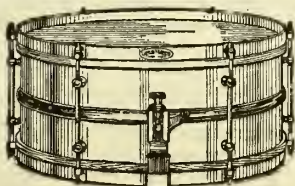
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courage, they were determined not to let their disability stand in the way of their fitting themselves for some other position in the economic world. Refusing to look on the gloomy side of their future, they applied themselves to use those faculties remaining to the best advantage. Next, they took their training seriously, realizing that they could get out of it only what they put into it, and that unless they gave the best of themselves they would derive little benefit therefrom. As a rule they were hard workers. Persistence, cheerfulness, a sense of responsibility and a fair amount of work, these factors seem to have been the ones that put these men where they are to-day, doers in the economic life of the country.

That is one side of the picture. Unfortunately there is another side. For if certain men have prospered, it must be admitted that others have not done so, have neglected or have been unable to take advantage of what the Government was giving them, and are not getting ahead at the present moment. Read the story of several men the writer met with in the course of his travels and judge for yourself why these men have not emulated their brothers who have won through to financial independence.

Particularly does the writer remember the likable chap who had been trained in the tire business in a Southern district. His disability? He didn't seem quite sure about that.

"They—ah—say mah hearin's affected by them heavy guns."

"Were you satisfied with the training received?"

"Well, yes, Ah guess so."

"Going to stick at the tire game?"

"No, this hyear tire business never was no good, anyhow. I'm gonna take the exams fo' postman nex' week."

He grinned broadly.

One or two men—they were the exception, be it said—practically admitted that they had taken the training merely for the money given. One man who had been trained as an embalmer, refused, at the end of a year, to take the necessary examinations to obtain a license, although the Board had offered to help him if successful. Still another man had been trained as a navigator, and he, too, refused to take his examination for a license. Why? Perhaps the fact that he would have been cut off the payroll of the Board had something to do with it.

But it must not be supposed that the lack of success was always due to the man himself. On the contrary it was not; for your real gold-bricker was the distinct exception and not the rule. One handicap, that the trainee has had to fight, has been the general condition of business for the past year and a half. At times when able-bodied men with experience have been cast out of a job, it is no wonder that a disabled man, with but one trade or vocation, has difficulty in getting placed. The tire business, the graphophone business, the automobile business, the shipping and export business, to name but a few, have suffered in the past year, and the men trained in these occupations have suffered as a consequence. Then again, in the early days of the Vocational Board, the trainee was often left adrift; once trained, the duty of the Board was considered over and little attempt was made to get a job for him.

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trained for positions or trades that they had no liking for and in which they could never have made a success. The fault here can be laid directly at the doors of the training advisors of the Board, and it is gratifying to notice that cases of this sort are becoming fewer and fewer. Lastly, one reason for the men's failure can be traced to the individual concerned. If those who succeeded did so because of their determination to get ahead in spite of their handicap, those who have failed sometimes did so because of their lack of this determination. You all remember the man in the Army who could never be found when the sergeant was making up that detail, who was always off at the "Y" or somewhere else? And you may recollect how at the front he was always sloping off to the kitchens in the rear? Every company, every battery had this man, now the Veterans Bureau has got him! And the Veterans Bureau is finding that he is not making good. Do you wonder? Those of us who soldiered with him don't.

Other men, with the best of intentions, simply lack the ability necessary for them to succeed. They try hard, but there is something lacking in their character. Perhaps they are really war casualties in this—they may be suffering from mental and physical impairment apparent only to the most expert medical examiner.

Yes, Compensation Can Be Paid

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by combining several of these ways, our veterans can be compensated without increased taxation, without increased loans, and without even touching the principal of the debts which are owing us. Congress ought, in justice to the veterans, to pass the Adjusted Compensation Bill without annexing special revenue measures, and it not only ought to do so, but it can do so without fear of serious embarrassment to the Treasury.

There is another aspect of the problem which merits thoughtful attention. We can very well admit that the debt which our Government owes to the veterans is very like all debts for services long since rendered. The feelings of many of our people toward it are akin to our individual feelings toward the bills of lawyers and doctors for services which they may have performed in the past. We face them perfunctorily, and with a not unnatural desire to find some possible means of escape, but like all such obligations long overdue, this debt, if neglected, will only grow more heavy with the lapse of time. If we leave our veterans with this obligation unsettled, and with the feeling that the country has dealt unjustly with them, their restlessness may grow not only more insistent, but still more extensive with the passage of the years.

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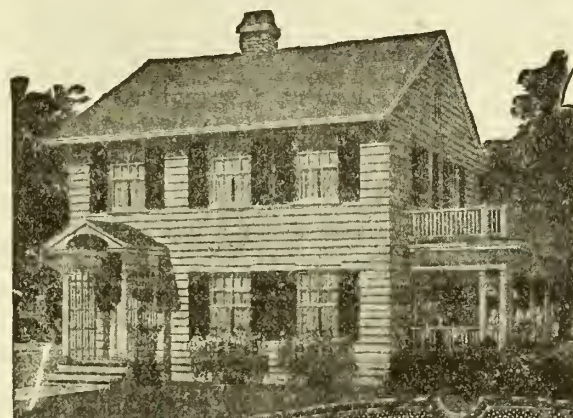


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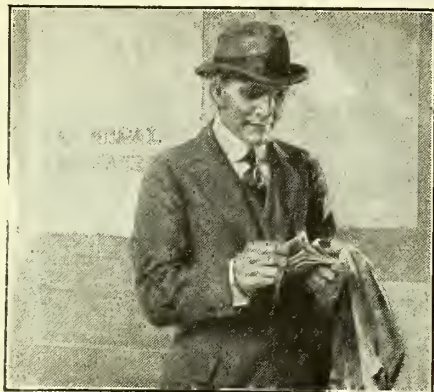
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Taking All the Joy Out of War

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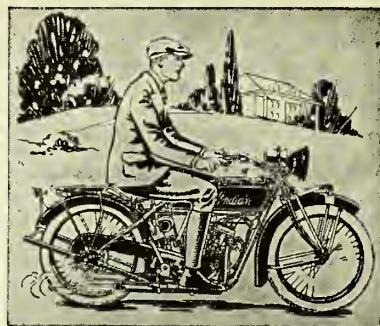
French invention. It's designed so that a doctor can perform an operation while up in the air. Most of the army medics I ever knew did that little thing regularly without need of a plane.

Seriously, though, you see the advantage? Suppose a man falls out of an airplane. A flying ambulance comes whizzing along, catches him on the rebound, tells him to take a deep breath and say "Ah-h-h-hrgh," marks him "duty" and drops him overboard again. It takes much of the strain off the overworked physicians on land by preventing frequent interruptions in those pleasant little crap games in the back room of the post dispensary.

These flying hospitals were exhibited at the aviation show in Paris last fall. One boast made for them was that they could take aboard a full medical equipment, but that doesn't seem such a much. It's been my experience that, outside of the supply of iodine and C.C.'s, a carrier pigeon could take care of that cargo.

Another exhibit at the aviation show, which may be dismissed with passing comment, was the new Bleriot plane, with two seats on the tail for "seasoned passengers." A seasoned passenger, I assume, is one all full of pep and vinegar. Therefore, he is obviously a shavetail. I'd give up all claim to my share of compensation if I could see one of those planes do a tail spin and have the privilege of nominating just one of those "seasoned passengers" who straddle it.

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Well, I'll have to summarize some of this stuff in brief. Time is long and space is fleeting, as the life convict remarked when they transferred him to a smaller cell.

Somebody has invented a tank that can slide down one side of a river, rumble along on the bed of it, shinny up the other side and lean up against a lamppost and give three cheers for Volstead. Now, there's a tank after one's own heart. Why, I remember—it was Armistice night—and in Paris, too—when—oh, well, no matter.

But the acid-proof cocktail shaker, so far as this branch of warfare goes, is awarded to Marvyn Smith, late of the 346th Tank Battalion. Mary has figured out some sort of a hydrogen gas motor which burns water instead of gasoline.

Of course, it had to come sooner or later. There couldn't be this much water in the world without it's having some use. And to Marvyn Smith—he lives in Denver, by the way, in case anybody wants to send him a decoration—goes the credit of discovering that what you are supposed to do with it is to burn it. The Indians used to rub two sticks together and make fire. Mr. Smith can rub a couple of hydrants together and make fire-water.

John Temple is an Englishman who has seen the error of his ways and lives in this country. Mr. Temple has contrived a riveting air gun, a larger model of which is guaranteed to drive a five-ton shell two hundred miles. Development of the device will be turned over to army mule skinnners who, if they can drive an army mule anywhere at all, certainly ought to be able to drive a little thing like a five-ton shell a pitiful couple of hundred miles.

All in all, the next war bears the earmarks of being a hugely successful one—successful for everyone except those who don't share the Bergdollian theory that man's place is the home. Of course, it will take all that pleasant gambling interest out of the W. R. I.—your dependents will hold the only hands worth having.

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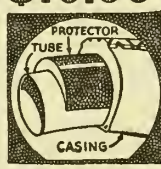


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ing about your broken legs and fractured skulls and things, that polysyllabic gas that I mentioned before will put your mind directly on something else. You won't even be able to take a swallow of water because, since Mr. Smith learned what water was, the friction with your windpipe will cause it to explode and blow your head off. And if you sit down on a shell to rest Mr. Temple will shoot you 200 miles and you'll have to walk back unless you can catch a ride on another shell going your way.

Still, it might be worse. Suppose somebody taught cooties to buzz!

Organizing to Aid the Unemployed

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of our skyscrapers. Dances, movies, carnivals and kindred things have all helped us to fill our chest. And the effort we spent was gladly volunteered because we believe in the Legion and in the good it can do.

We have a paid welfare secretary and stenographer who cost us around \$225 a month and are worth much more. We have a fairly good office and clubrooms for which we pay about \$110 a month. The furniture and trimmings have been picked up cheap at sales or donated to us; the painting and decorating has been done by Legionnaires free of charge. All donations of clothing, food stuffs and the like are received at our office. Our commissary department takes care of about thirty-five families a month.

By the way, there is no bread line or soup kitchen in St. Paul, though there are many unemployed—and chiefly because we told the city council that we would take care of those who needed our particular kind of help.

All in all, we are doing something every day, and St. Paul is with us and for us. It is easy to work where work is appreciated.

Keeping Step with the Legion

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To the Ladies

BACHELOR departments of The American Legion are disappearing. Arkansas, Wyoming, Utah and Tennessee are planning to forsake celibacy. Each of these departments is organizing its Auxiliary, and each expects to send delegates from a duly recognized department to the Second Annual Convention next fall.

There's something a mere man can do to help the Auxiliary get a start in his town. He can, for instance, tell his sister, mother, daughter or wife whom she can write to to find out about organizing her community. In Arkansas, Mrs. Ruth McCurry Brown of Little Rock has taken up the work; in Tennessee, organization is under the direction of Mrs. John Gilmore, Polk Flats, Nashville, and Mrs. Jesse Overton, Overton Hall, Nashville; in Utah, write Miss Eva Darlington, 502 Boston Building, Salt Lake City; in Wyoming, write Mrs. Cora M. Beach, New Castle, or Dr. Florence Patrick, Rock River.



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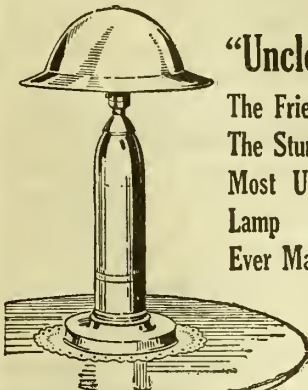


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A convention has been called in the Department of Kansas for March 28th and 29th. Wyoming held its convention last month, and a caucus was held in Tennessee December 17th, followed by a convention call for March 6th.

Where the Dues Goes

EVERY Legionnaire knows (and if he doesn't this is telling him) that one dollar of his dues goes to the national organization, 25 cents of which is for the maintenance of National Headquarters and 75 cents to pay his subscription to the Weekly. The Minnesota department has prepared a bulletin showing where department dues go. Here is how the Gopher member's dollar is divided to maintain his department:

Bulletins	\$.072
Commander's fund .....	.119
Exchange on checks .....	.012
Committees .....	.060
Administration .....	.189
Finance .....	.084
Service .....	.131
Postage .....	.024
Special appropriations035
Office supplies024
Publicity107
Stationery and printing024
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Traveling expenses060
Miscellaneous024
Total	\$1.000

We admit that this skeletonized list does not do justice to the detailed summary provided by Department Adjutant Stafford King; his statement is much more complete than we have room for. But the tabulation gives an excellent idea of how the Legion dollar is made to do efficient work for a state organization.

But dues can't go anywhere, in Minnesota or any other State, unless it first comes in. It is coming in this year better than ever before, and in the face of stiffer handicaps. The Legion is learning how—from National Headquarters right down through the smallest post.

Your Post and Your Town
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men in shifts of thirty and supplying them with special police badges and batons, upon receipt of a burglar call we would rush the men in automobiles to the vicinity of the call and cause them to form a complete circle or chain about the immediate locality, permitting no one to enter or leave the circle. Some ten or fifteen men from the department would enter the circle and make a thorough search of the premises from which the call came and of the whole district within the circle.

We repeated this for several nights, but our detective bureau was successful in apprehending these thieves exclusive of our efforts. I will state, however, that I am sure if they had not been apprehended at the time they were, it would have been only a matter of a very short time until our system would have proved a success.—W. A. SCOTT, Chief of Police, Wichita, Kan.

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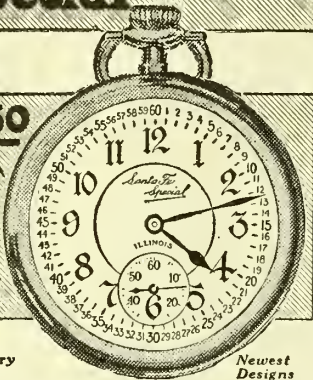
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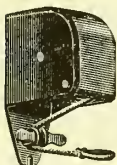
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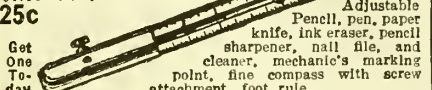
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From a Federal Prison

To the Editor: I am writing this from the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., where I have been confined since June 28, 1921. My sentence of two years began March 17, 1921. I was tried by general court martial at Camp A. A. Humphreys, Va., and sentenced to a term of two years in this prison on a charge of breaking and entering.

I enlisted in the Army when fifteen years of age when war with Mexico seemed likely, and I did so because I am an American boy and my people have been American for many generations. I loved my country and my fathers did before me and no boy or man offered himself to his country with a purer heart. But I was only a boy after all and when the great war came and the youth of the country gathered together in great camps full of all sorts of temptations, I was one of those unfortunates who fell into evil ways, and were judged without mercy and with less regard for the future of their souls than is shown to the most hardened criminal.

So, friendless and helpless, I came here leaving behind me a sorrowing mother. I see them release Mr. Debs and others who hate the country and its soldiers, who opposed the war, who still denounce it and all things American and keep us boys in prison. This confuses me and I am writing to you to ask if you can explain it. I hate to think my country cruel and unjust and would like to be convinced differently. Many other soldiers here like myself met the same treatment. We have been denied parole or other clemency, and we wonder that we are so cruelly treated for the acts of thoughtless boys when the real enemies of the country are set free from prison.—CECIL MCCLELLAND, P. O. Box 1733, Atlanta, Ga.

The National Air

To the Editor: Frequently when attending patriotic functions, some of them of a more or less official nature, I have noticed that when the assembly rises with the motion of singing our national air, that "America" is sung to the air of the British national air.

This is wrong. Our official national air is the "Star-Spangled Banner"; has been so adopted by the Government and is invariably played as such at all official government functions, at 8 a. m. and sundown on board ship, and on appropriate occasions when rendering honors.

The public does not seem to be aware of this, and should be educated up to it. For example, at the meetings of The American Legion in Kansas City, on several occasions the assembly arose while "America" was sung.

On one or two of these occasions there was present Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Beatty, of Great Britain, who commanded the Grand Fleet in the North Sea during the late war. It was an embarrassing situation, and required an explanation.

It was not until President Roosevelt's administration, if I remember correctly, that we really officially adopted the "Star-Spangled Banner" as the national air. Since that time it has been unqualifiedly the only one authorized.

Prior to that time we sometimes used both "Hail Columbia" and the "Star-Spangled Banner," playing the former in the morning at colors, in the Navy, and the latter at sundown. It was also then almost universally the custom to sing "America," and is still so throughout our country.

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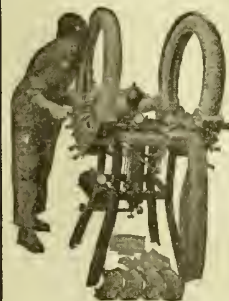
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have adopted it, and it is the national air, we ought to sing it and not any other. The air of "America" is an old German one, and with a very slight variation is still used as such, having been adopted by Great Britain from the Germans.

We, as a nation, are very patriotic and loyal to our country, and naturally the masses desire to show it whenever an opportunity presents itself. I believe that if they were properly informed they would be only too glad to sing our one and only national air, at appropriate times, and not the air of Germany or Great Britain.—**HUGH RODMAN, Rear Admiral, Commandant, Fifth Naval District, Hampton Roads, Va.**

The Malone Case

To the Editor: I feel it my duty to say that, in view of the publicity given in various publications to the charges against Col. Paul D. Malone, Twenty-third Infantry, the hearings carried on by the committee now investigating the charges made by Senator Watson disclosed the fact that there was absolutely no foundation for the suspicion cast upon Colonel Malone's record.

As is shown in the committee hearings, the soldier who was said to have made the charges against Colonel Malone in the first place, on the witness stand absolutely denied ever having made any such charges, or ever having said anything of the kind attributed to him in a letter which came to the committee. The charge in the letter was that Colonel Malone had shot down one of his own men on the march and had ridden his horse over other men. In fairness it should be added that Senator Watson had no part at all in the charges made against Colonel Malone and was in no respect responsible for them.

Not only did the soldier absolutely deny any such occurrence but denied ever having authorized the statement appearing in the letter, and the officer who was said to have preferred charges against Colonel Malone testified that no such charges were ever preferred. In other words, the story appeared to be simply a fabrication and was a very great injustice to Colonel Malone, who was a splendid officer greatly loved and respected by the men of his command.

I have felt as a member of the Investigating Committee that I ought to say this in justice to the officer whose record has been unjustly assailed.—**FRANK B. WILLIS, United States Senator, Washington, D. C.**

The "Twenty Percent Man"

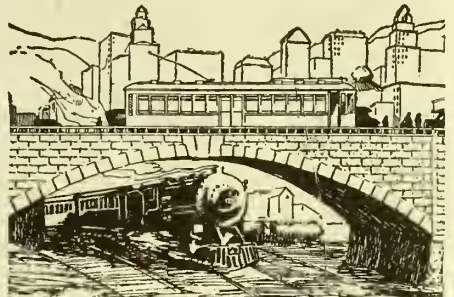
To the Editor: The Legion is too big an organization to lend itself to such petty meanness as the malicious dig at the commissioned officers of the Army contained in "Private Feeser's \$7,346."

In my twenty years of experience in the Army, the only time I have ever heard of an officer borrowing money from the author's "twenty percent man," was during the World War, when all kinds of men were commissioned under the stress of necessity, and some of them naturally were not one hundred percent honest.—**JAMES W. EVERINGTON, Chief of Police, Los Angeles, Cal.**

Records of the War

To the Editor: The article "Cherished" Records of the War," which appeared in a recent issue of The American Legion Weekly, will probably create in the minds of all readers the belief that the records of the World War on file in this office are neither carefully preserved nor so arranged as to be readily accessible. This would be an impression so erroneous, so unfair to the War Department and to this office, and so disturbing to the men who wore the American uniform during the late war, that I cannot refrain from correcting it, if, happily, it is not already too late to do so.

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To the Editor: Kindly issue a General Order in your magazine to this effect:

That all ex-service men will from now on use the following complimentary conclusion in all their correspondence—"Yours till they bone us."—TOM WATERS, JR., Samuel H. Kehl Post, Shenandoah, Pa.

Help Your Disabled Buddy

THE queries given below are printed in behalf of disabled men seeking to get in touch with comrades whose aid is necessary to substantiate claims for government compensation. This magazine will publish further inquiries from men seeking proofs of disabilities incurred in service, but can do so only after the usual means of obtaining the information have failed.

CHARLES W. ARNOLD, Box 232, Wirt, Okla., wants names and addresses of old buddies of 11th, 41st and 166th Aero Sqdns., especially those of medical officers.

C. J. MATHEWS, Box 794, Red Lodge, Mont., would like to have the address of Capt. Howell, formerly of 1st Air Dep., Colombey-les-Belles, France, and the sergeant of the 101st Aero Repl. Sqdn.

PAUL R. MILLER, 1506 E. 5th ave., Winfield, Kans., wishes to locate Cpl. Allmon or Lieut. Miller of Co. A, 305th Eng., 80th Div., who were with Pvt. Arthur L. Aker when he was killed near Beaumont on Nov. 5, 1918.

HARRY NELSEN, 6726 Sangamon st., Chicago, Ill., wishes to hear from any member of the crew of the U. S. S. *Texan* between June 10 and Aug. 8, 1918, who remembers how Nelsen was injured while lifting oil barrels.

BLASE R. RIZER, Route 1, Box 27, De Ridder, La., wishes to locate Sgt. Goodman and First Sgt. or any other members of Hq. Det., A. S. C., at Tours from Jan. to April, 1919.

MRS. KATHERINE WEBSTER, 2707 18th ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn., wishes to hear from veterans who knew her husband, Q. M. Sgt. Saunders S. Webster, Tp. L, 6th Cav., in the Philippines during 1903.

Outfit Reunions and Notices

Contributions for this column must be received three weeks in advance of the events with which they are concerned.

BATTERY B, 306TH FIELD ARTILLERY—Annual reunion and dinner, Keen's Chop House, New York City, evening March 18.

AVIATION GROUP, Rockaway Beach, N. Y. Aviation men stationed at Rockaway Beach in 1918 and 1919 who are interested in reunion at New Orleans this fall address Cecil M. Burton, P. O. Box 102, Eminence, Ky.

U. S. S. PLATTSBURG—Second annual reunion at Hotel McAlpin, New York City, evening April 1. Address B. H. Jacobs, 269 Monroe st., Brooklyn, N. Y. Tickets \$10 each.

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